

Review of: "Relevance of Cor Pulmonale in COPD With and Without Pulmonary Hypertension: A Retrospective Cohort Study"

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In this article, Athiththan Yogeswaran and colleagues found that cor pulmonale [assessed as RV-PA uncoupling (TAPSE/PASP ratio) and decreased exercise capacity (6MWD)] is associated with disease severity in COPD and prognosis in PH-COPD. The research has certain clinical significance.

Several points need to be addressed:

- 1) According to pulmonary arterial hypertension guidelines, targeted drug therapy is not recommended for COPD-PH. Which targeted drug treatments were used in these patients and how well did they work?
- 2) In patients with heart failure in the late stage of cor pulmonale, pulmonary artery pressure may decrease rather than increase due to heart failure. What were the results of the patient study?
- 3) "During follow-up, 126 patients died". What is the cause of death of these patients?
- 4 The article still requires revision.